

individual committee members. So, today Senator Miller is doing his duty to the committee in taking what is a Department of Revenue bill. Now we gave Senator Miller the most esoteric bill to handle. Now, Senator Chambers just called my attention to the fact that I used the word "esoteric" so quickly 10 minutes ago that I probably confused members into thinking I said "erratic" and lost 8 votes in the process. This bill simply contains enormous technical changes that the Department of Revenue believes should be done. Whether they are done or not, life has gone on, I suspect, for a long period of time without their being done but this is the annual run the gauntlet for the Department of Revenue with technical changes. My staff thought this bill was so innocuous that they failed to actually duplicate the handout given to us by the Department of Revenue to pass out and put on your desk. So, my staff is about to be flagellated in the process, but by and by, the staff will have on your desk for Select File the handout where the Department of Revenue explains why each of these provisions needs to be done. In the meantime, you should go easy on poor Senator Miller, as well as the Chairman of Revenue, because we are simply doing our duty as good senators.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Schmit, for the good of the order.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, Senator Johnson, and the dutiful Senator Miller, it would be totally out of character if we began to read the bills and understand what is contained in them, and notwithstanding the fact that Senator Vard Johnson uses those big words that most of us that went to country school never learned the meaning of, I think it is high time you read the bill. Now this may have been an innocuous bill to the staff of the members of the Revenue Committee. I would suggest that damn few of them pay any personal property taxes, and I am getting a little fed up with people who come up here and say the bill doesn't mean anything, and after you advance the bill, we are going to give you the summary of it. Now, how stupid can you be. You can vote to advance this bill, if you want to, but I am suggesting that when you go back home to the county assessor and the county assessor says you have taken away all of my duties, why didn't you just abolish my job, you are going to have some explaining to do. Now, I can understand some of you voting for this bill, and voting for the amendments, and if you want to transfer all of the authority of the county assessor away from that office, then go ahead and advance the bill. But you have taken all of the responsibility